



# Rotary Club of Houston 2007-2008 Committees

## I. Community Service

### **Burnett Bayland Committee**

This committee acquaints itself with the needs of the youth of the Houston community, including the issues and needs of Harris County's Burnett Bayland Home, and recommends and carries out actions so they promote the welfare and development of these youth as good citizens.

### **East End Initiative**

The Rotary Club of Houston is leading a neighborhood initiative to benefit Houston's East End. Through collaboration with major corporate, civic and philanthropic partners, including many Houston area Rotary Clubs, Rotary activities will respond to identified community needs in the areas of public health, education, vocational training and micro-enterprises.

### **Fresh Start Committee**

This committee promotes interest and participation in the pre-release program of the Texas Department of Corrections and other Houston area penal institutions. It strives to inspire and motivate inmates to live within the law upon their return to society; and encourages community involvement in finding solutions for problems of the released public offender.

### **Golf Tournament Committee**

Organizes the annual Rotary Works! Golf Tournament for The Rotary Club of Houston Foundation.

### **Public Health Committee**

This committee addresses critical Houston area health issues with the goal of affecting change. It has a dual mission of educating both the club and Houston residents on matters related to public health, health care delivery and socio-economic health issues. While expanding access to community healthcare, the committee also arranges for expert health professionals to educate the club on cutting edge issues, treatments, breakthroughs and the economic impact of the health care industry in our community.

### **Rotaract**

A community based Rotaract club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston with a view towards preparing Rotaractors for membership in the Rotary Club of Houston. It is affiliated with the international Rotaract program of Rotary International. Seeks young professionals ages 22 to 30 who want to make a difference and support the Rotary vision of community leadership, service and allegiance to the Four-Way Test. There are 163,000 members of some 7,088 Rotaract clubs in 151 countries. Rotaractors serve the community and promote international understanding and goodwill by assisting the Rotary Club of Houston with service projects.

### **Rotary Distinguished Citizen Award Committee**

This committee plans and promotes the annual Rotary Distinguished Citizen Award dinner honoring an outstanding Houstonian. (A separate selection committee, three members of which shall be named by the President each year, shall propose recipients for this Award. The selection committee shall be a continuing committee.)

### **Rotary House Committee**

This committee acquaints itself with the opportunities, benefits and needs of the Jesse H. Jones Rotary House International Hotel, promotes activities, and generally strives to encourage interest in the club and its members on the needs of patients and family members staying there.

### **Rotary Lombardi Award Committee**

This committee plans and promotes the annual Rotary Lombardi Award dinner honoring the outstanding college lineman of the year.

### **Scholarship Committee**

This committee plans for, and when called, reviews the records of the students nominated by Houston area high school officials and select to receive college scholarships as provided by the guidelines stipulated by Houston Endowment Inc. and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

### **Veterans Project**

This committee is the product of a partnership formed between Mayor Bill White, the Rotary Club of Houston and other Houston Area Rotary Clubs. The project's goal is to help disabled veterans ease back into civilian life by building 15 houses in the Houston area within the next year for severely wounded troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

### **Youth & Education Committee**

This committee focuses on the needs of high-risk children in partnership with HISD schools. They are involved in 5 major projects: fostering and mentoring our Rotaract Club of young professionals, establishing an Interact Club at 2nd Baptist High School, adopting Kirby Middle School, establishing a Math and Science project at Chavez High School, and awards for elementary school kids. As a result, the youth and education committee supports programs for all ages of youth from elementary school to recent college graduates. Adopting Kirby Middle School is an exciting new project that will include an after school program to give kids an option other than the streets, Rotarians speaking in the school about employment choices, goals and visions, TASTE (take a student to your employment) which will include students traveling to see the employment sites of Rotarians, and college for a day which allows students to experience a college campus and receive inspiring words from those who have risen from their ranks.

## **II. Club Service**

### **Classification Committee**

This committee is responsible for seeking new members for our club. They develop prospects for membership, and explain membership requirements and expectations to interested applicants. The committee also deals with current member requests for classification changes, leaves of absence, resignations, and other related issues.

### **Finance Committee**

This committee is responsible for a broad range of issues from the club's investment policy and accounting system, to the annual budget.

### **Membership Committee**

This committee carries two major assignments: increase club membership and retain existing members. Both require a deep belief in everything Rotary stands for and sensitivity to people's needs, problems and schedules in today's business world.

### **Past Presidents Committee**

This committee, which is Chaired by the immediate Past President, is comprised of all past presidents of any club, who are current members of the Rotary Club of Houston. It shall offer, on its own initiative, or when asked, counsel to club officials.

### **Program Committee**

This committee is responsible for arranging for each week's program of speakers, including Back-to-Roots programs.

### **Public Relations / Club Communications Committee**

This committee is responsible for communications within the club and to the community. Committee members work with the Rotary office to produce the monthly newsletter and the weekly email meeting announcements. They also help maintain the club website and develop all club printed materials. The committee is also responsible for public relations and promoting our Rotary Club to the community.

### **Red Badge Committee**

This committee is responsible for encouraging members, in particular new members, to participate in the activities of the club and become active and involved Rotarians. It assists in the orientation of new members, supervises the club's mentoring program and assists the Rotary office by providing song, pledge and invocation leaders for weekly meetings.

**Rotary Hi-Lites Committee**

This committee is responsible for putting together the monthly postcard that is mailed to all Rotarians. The piece highlights upcoming events, meetings, speakers and new members.

**Rotary Information Committee**

This committee is responsible for orienting new members about our Rotary Club and Rotary International.

**Strategic Planning Committee**

This committee, which is Chaired by the President-Elect, serves as the long range planning group for the club. It reviews and updates the Club Vision Statement, and with an eye to the future, suggests to the Directors ideas and plans looking toward a fuller development of the Rotary concept. It also recommends changes to the Officers and Club Board of Directors.

### **III. International Service**

**International Service Committee**

This committee is responsible for identifying international service projects, which might be of interest to the club membership, and develops a plan for the implementation of the service project.

**Youth Exchange**

The purpose of this committee is to organize and promote youth exchanges with other countries in cooperation with the US and International Youth Exchange organizations. These exchanges provide students of secondary school age an opportunity to study or travel abroad for an academic year (Long Term) or 3-4 weeks (Short Term) for the purpose of advancing international understanding and goodwill. Students may be of Rotarian or non-Rotarian parents.

### **IV. Vocational Service**

**Camp Enterprise Committee**

This committee arranges an annual retreat (Camp Enterprise) for select high school juniors during which club members and other local business persons make available, through counseling, information about their vocations to students who are choosing a career with special emphasis on business leadership and the need for high standards and opportunities for service in each occupation.